CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:	П	Force	V	Discourt.	
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Emily Hebert		Squad #13	201806771		Abuse		O.L.	☐ Injury
Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:		I	Precinct:	18	Mo. SOL	EO SOL
Monday, 03/19/2018 6:00 PM					46	9/	19/2019	9/19/2019
Date/Time CV Reported		CV Reported At:	How CV Reported	:	Date/Time	Rece	eived at CCl	RB
Thu, 08/16/2018 11:45 AM		CCRB	In-person		Thu, 08/16	5/2018	3 11:45 AM	1
Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Addre	ess		·			
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command					
1. SGT Leo Nugent	00046	946580	GANG BX					
2. SDS Michael Decandido	00265	918922	GVSD Z2					
3. DT1 Johnnie Rosario	04633	912061	GVSD Z2					
4. DT3 Mahmud Abduljabbar	01008	942890	GVSD Z2					
5. An officer								
Witness Officer(s)	Shield No	o Tax No	Cmd Name					
1. DT3 Belinda Delgado	4339	934740	GANG BX					
2. SGT Kenneth Russell	04634	929095	GANG BX					
3. DT3 Adlai Pinney	5639	946122	GANG BX					
4. DT3 Jeffrey Scalf	4677	941138	GANG BX					
5. DT3 Brian Martin	06991	930653	GVSD Z2					
6. DT2 Maria Bocachica	00360	940392	GVSD Z2					
7. DT2 Maricela Galindez	02821	926858	GVSD Z2					
8. POF Phedencia Chaney	02949	949847	GANG BX					
Officer(s)	Allegatio	on			Inve	estiga	tor Recon	nmendation
A.SDS Michael Decandido	Abuse: So	ergeant Michael Decand	dido stopped § 87(2)(b)					
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B.SDS Michael Decandido	Abuse: So	ergeant Michael Decand	dido stopped (h)					
C.SDS Michael Decandido	Abuse: So	ergeant Michael Decand	dido stopped § 87(2)					
D.SDS Michael Decandido	Abusa S	orgoant Michael DeCom	udido friekad § 87(2)					
D.SDS WICHAEL DECARAGO	Auuse. S	ergeant Michael DeCan	idido IIIsked					
E.SGT Leo Nugent	Abuse: So	ergeant Leo Nugent fris	sked § 87(2)(b)					
F.DT3 Mahmud Abduljabbar	Abuse: D	etective Mahmud Abdu	ıl-Jabbar frisked 8 87(2)				
G. An officer	Abuse: A	n officer searched § 87(2)	(b)					
H.DT3 Mahmud Abduljabbar		etective Mahmud Abdu		(2)				
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Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
I.DT1 Johnnie Rosario	Abuse: Detective Johnnie Rosario interfered with \$87(2)(b) s use of a recording device.	
J. An officer	Discourtesy: An officer spoke discourteously to \$87(2)	
§ 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g)		

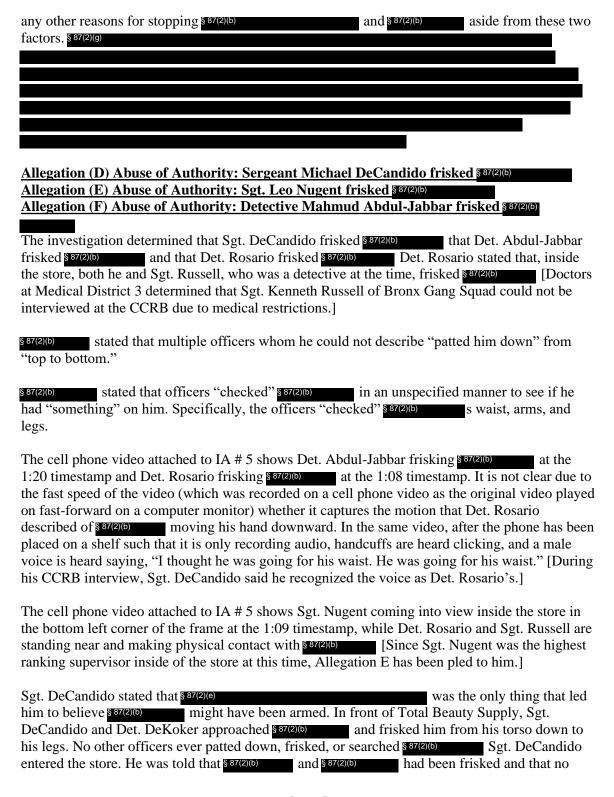
Case Summary

filed this complaint with the CCRB in-person. On August 16, 2018, § 87(2)(b) On March 19, 2018, at approximately 6:00 p.m., Ser(2) was inside of Total Beauty Supply at 67 East Burnside Avenue in the Bronx with his friend § 87(2)(b) \$87(2)(b) 's friend \$87(2)(b) was outside the store. Officers from the Gun Violence Suppression Division – including Sergeant Michael DeCandido, Detective Thomas DeKoker, Detective Johnnie Rosario, Detective Mahmud Abdul-Jabbar, Detective Maria Bocachica (née Lopez), Detective Brian Martin, and Detective Maricela Galindez — and officers from Bronx Gang Squad - including Detective Belinda Delgado, Sergeant Leo Nugent, Detective Jeffrey Scalf, Detective Adlai Pinney, and Sergeant Kenneth Russell — entered the store. Sgt. Michael DeCandido stopped § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) (Allegations A, B,). Sgt. Michael DeCandido frisked and C – Abuse of Authority – Stop, § 87(2)(9) (Allegation D – Abuse of Authority – $\overline{\text{Frisk}}$, § 87(2)(9) ■). Sgt. Nugent frisked (Allegation E – Abuse of Authority – Frisk, § 87(2)(9)) An officer allegedly searched § 87(2)(b) (Allegation G – Abuse of Authority – Search, § 87(2)(9)). Det. Abdul-Jabbar frisked and allegedly searched § 87(2)(b) (Allegation F – (Allegation H – Abuse of Authority – Search, Abuse of Authority – Frisk, § 87(2)(g) § 87(2)(b) began recording a video of the officers on his phone. s phone from his hand (Allegation I – Abuse – Interference Det. Rosario removed § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) were handcuffed, but with recording, § 87(2)(9)). § 87(2)(b) ultimately released without being arrested or summonsed. An officer allegedly spoke discourteously to § 87(2)(b) (Allegation J – Discourtesy -- Word, § 87(2)(9) § 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g) Cell phone and surveillance video footage of this incident was provided to the CCRB by The video footage is attached to IA #s 2, 5, 6, and 7 (Board Reviews 01-04) and summarized in IA # 20 (Board Review 05). This case was on District Attorney Hold between October 4, 2018 and January 30, 2019. **Findings and Recommendations** Allegation (A) Abuse of Authority: Sergeant Michael DeCandido stopped 887(2)(6) Allegation (B) Abuse of Authority: Sergeant Michael DeCandido stopped 887(2)(b) Allegation (C) Abuse of Authority: Sergeant Michael DeCandido stopped \$37(2)(5) (Board Review 07) stated that he walked to Morris Avenue and met his friend, Planning to go shopping for a do-rag, § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) walked to Total Page 2

Beauty Supply without stopping to talk to or meet anyone along the way. Two or three minutes after \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) entered Total Beauty Supply, three plainclothed officers entered the store, followed by three more plainclothed officers. The officers approached and displayed their shields, telling the employee who had been helping and to move aside. An officer asked \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) what they had "stashed." One or more officers then handcuffed \$87(2)(b)
provided a brief telephone statement (Board Review 08) but was otherwise uncooperative with the investigation (see IAs for contact attempts). He stated that after exiting a store on Jerome Avenue, he was walking toward Total Beauty Supply when officers accused him of robbing someone and stopped him outside of the store.
was unavailable to the investigation (see IAs for contact attempts).
Sgt. DeCandido (Board Reviews 09 and 10), Det. Rosario (Board Review 11), Det. Abdul-Jabbar (Board Review 12), Sgt. Nugent (Board Review 13), Det. Pinney (Board Review 14), and Det. Delgado (Board Review 15) all stated that they were informed that it had been learned,
However, each officer's statement differed regarding whether one specific individual in the group was identified by name or otherwise as the subject, whether the suspect was in possession of the gun yet or was about to be, and whether the number of individuals in the target group had been specified.
Sgt. DeCandido stated that either "the Bronx District Attorney himself" or an officer \$87(2)(6)
Sgt. DeCandido did not recall whether the information he received was specific as to which of the three individuals was in possession of the gun. Sgt. DeCandido was told to go to the corner of Burnside Avenue and Morris Avenue. §87(2)(e)
After arriving at the location, from his vehicle, Sgt. DeCandido saw walking in one direction on Burnside Avenue past Total Beauty Supply, reach the intersection with Walton Avenue, stop, turn around, and walk in the opposite direction. Sgt. DeCandido believed they did this because they noticed one of the unmarked police vehicles, which he found suspicious. \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) entered Total Beauty Supply while who fell back "a couple" feet behind \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) remained outside the store. Sgt. DeCandido made no other observations that led him to suspect criminality in regard to \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) After observing the three individuals for less than one minute, Sgt. DeCandido ordered officers to stop the three individuals via his radio. (Therefore, Allegations A, B, and C have been pled to Sgt. DeCandido.)
Det. Rosario stated that Sgt. DeCandido informed him that \$37(2)(9)
As he approached the location, via point-to-point radio that allowed him to communicate with the Bronx Gang Squad officers, Det. Rosario received a

Sgt. Nugent did not recall who informed him § 87(2)(e) Det. Abdul-Jabbar stated that, en route to the incident location, Sgt. DeCandido provided him with the nicknames of the individuals expected to be involved § 87(2)(0) He did not recall whether Sgt. DeCandido specified which individual or individuals within the group were believed to possess the gun. As they approached, via point-to-point radio, Det. Abdul-Jabbar received a description (which Det. Abdul-Jabbar could not recall) of three individuals as well as their direction of travel, which was southbound from where the Bronx Gang Squad officers were. Det. Delgado stated that Sgt. Nugent informed her that individuals who were walking down the street had a gun in their possession and were going to bring a gun to a particular beauty supply store. During her CCRB interview, Det. Delgado first stated that she was not told the number or identity of individuals. Det. Delgado later stated that § 87(2)(b) was mentioned by name in regard to having a history of selling narcotics. Det. Pinney said someone (he could not recall whom), informed him that \$87(2)(b) had stated that he was currently, or about to be, in possession of a gun. Later during his CCRB interview, Det. Pinney stated that it was either § 87(2)(b) or § 87(2)(b) who was either in the possession of or about to be in possession of a gun. § 87(2)(e) Det. Scalf responded to the incident location because he was ordered to do so, though he did not recall why. The NYPD refused to provide the DD5s for the ongoing investigation related to this incident. Therefore, the CCRB's ability to conduct a full investigation was limited. § 37(2)(e) Sgt. DeCandido and other officers went to the store §87(2)(e) Sgt. DeCandido observed § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) change direction. which he thought they may have done because they had seen police. Sgt. DeCandido did not have Page 4 CCRB Case # 201806771

which they were walking. Det. Rosario waited for orders to stop the individuals.



guns were recovered. Sgt. DeCandido asked \$87(2)(b) and street and they provided them, though Sgt. DeCandido already knew who they were.

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Det. Rosario saw no officer frisk or search \$87(2)(b) or \$87(2)(b) Inside Total Beauty Supply, Det. Rosario saw \$87(2)(b) who he identified during the incident based on a photo of him that he had seen earlier that day, standing behind an aisle, so that only \$87(2)(b) s upper body was visible. \$97(2)(b) was being loud, "irate," "belligerent," and non-compliant. He was trying to put his arms up over his head while holding his phone. \$87(2)(b) was approached by at least two officers from Bronx Gang Squad who tried to bring his hands down from above his head to control him. Based only on Det. Rosario's observations and experience, he believed was trying to divert attention from "something." Just before he approached \$87(2)(b) was view of \$87(2)(b) s waist was obstructed. Det. Rosario did not see any bulges on \$87(2)(b) s person and there was no reason other than \$87(2)(c) why Det. Rosario believed \$87(2)(b) might have a gun. However, Det. Rosario also stated that led him to assume that anything \$87(2)(b) did was because he may be trying to conceal a gun.
After \$87(2)(b) was handcuffed, Det. Rosario approached and frisked \$87(2)(b) everywhere could have concealed a gun. Det. Rosario did not specifically recall where he made contact with \$87(2)(b) s body during the frisk, which yielded negative results. Det. Rosario did not feel any bulges on \$87(2)(b) s person.
Sgt. Nugent stated that he made no observations that led him to believe \$87(2)(6) might be armed nor did he search or see any officers search \$87(2)(6) Sgt. Nugent did not search \$67(2)(6) and did not recall seeing any officers do so.
Inside the store, Det. Abdul-Jabbar recognized \$87(2)(b) based on the description he had just received and because he was familiar with him based on the ongoing investigation being conducted by his team members. Det. Abdul-Jabbar suspected that \$87(2)(b) might have a gun based on the wiretap information and because \$87(2)(b) hands were initially in his pockets, though he immediately removed his hands from his pockets when ordered to do so.
Det. Abdul-Jabbar asked \$87(2)(b) if he had anything on him that he should know about. \$37(2)(b) Seemingly in reaction to this, \$37(2)(b) became "belligerent" and "irate," based on his verbiage, high volume, and body language. \$37(2)(b) made statements like, "Fuck those guys, you don't got to listen to them," and, "It's always the black ones." \$37(2)(b) had come closer to \$37(2)(b) such that he was within 15 feet of him, and \$37(2)(b) upper body and arms tensed up. Det. Abdul-Jabbar believed that \$37(2)(b) was about to go into a "defensive stance" and that the situation might turn physical. Still not yet knowing whether \$37(2)(b) was armed, Det. Abdul-Jabbar handcuffed \$37(2)(b) for safety reasons. Det. Abdul-Jabbar frisked \$37(2)(b) waistband, upper quadrant, legs, and ankles. Det. Abdul-Jabbar recalled hearing someone, at some point during the incident, say that \$37(2)(b) had been reaching for something, although he could not recall who said this.
Det. Delgado stated that inside the store, she saw a slim black or Hispanic dark-skinned male detective from the Gun Violence Suppression Division frisk sazente. Page 7

and waistband, making contact only with his legs. Det. Delgado did not see any officers frisk

anyone else or otherwise search anyone.

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Allegation (H) Abuse of Authority: Detective Mahmud Abdul-Jabbar searched
stated that he observed at least one officer conduct a "regular search" of which included entering unspecified pockets of his clothing.
As discussed in the analysis of Allegations D through F, Det. Abdul-Jabbar stated that told him, "You can search me." Det. Abdul-Jabbar said he asked \$87(2)(5) if he had identification, and he responded that it was in his pocket but he did not know which one. Det. Abdul-Jabbar reached into \$87(2)(5) pocket for the purpose of retrieving his identification. He found \$87(2)(5) identification and asked \$87(2)(5) to confirm the information on it.
No officer observed or recalled observing Det. Abdul-Jabbar or any other officer enter speckets.
The cell phone video attached to IA # 2 does not capture saying, "You can search me," though the video contains a lot of cross-talk.
NYPD Patrol Guide, Procedure 212-11 (Board Review 17) states that officers may request consent to search an individual but the consent they receive must be voluntarily given. The consent must be requested in a non-threatening manner.
§ 87(2)(g)
Allegation (I) Abuse of Authority: Detective Johnnie Rosario interfered with 887(2)(b)
s use of a recording device. It is undisputed that Det. Rosario removed \$87(2)(b) s phone from his hand as \$87(2)(b) recorded a video.
stated that he began video recording the officers with his cell phone, which he held in his right hand raised above his head. A male officer approached \$37(2)(5) and told him to put his phone away. The officer tried to grab \$37(2)(5) are stright arm or his right hand or his phone provided different accounts during his CCRB interview). With his right hand still holding his phone and still raised above his head, \$37(2)(5) are used his left hand to push this officer in the chest away from him. Another officer approached \$37(2)(5) and grabbed one of his hands, followed by one or two more officers who helped restrain and handcuff \$37(2)(5) and grabbed one of the incident. During his follow-up telephone statement (Board Review 18), \$37(2)(5) attack that he himself turned off the video recording after his phone was returned to him.
Det. Rosario stated that he did not know whether was filming a video on his phone as he approached him. Because he did not yet know whether had the alleged gun, Det. Page 9

Rosario decided to handcuff him. Because Det. Rosario's first priority was safety and \$87(2)(6) needed to be handcuffed, Det. Rosario removed what was in \$87(2)(6) s hands, which was a phone. There was no other reason why Det. Rosario removed \$87(2)(6) s phone from his hand. Det. Rosario removed the phone from \$87(2)(6) s hand and placed it on a nearby counter without stopping it from recording. Det. Rosario did not touch the screen or press any of the buttons at this or any other any point during the incident. Det. Rosario assisted other officers in handcuffing \$87(2)(6)
The video attached to IA # 2 continues to record even after the phone is removed from s hand.
NYPD Patrol Guide, Procedure 203-29 (Board Review 19) states that the right to record police action can be limited for reasons such as the safety of officers or other members of the public, or when a violation of law is committed by the individuals who are videotaping.
§ 87(2)(g)
Allegation (J) Discourtesy: An officer spoke discourteously to \$87(2)(b) \$87(2)(b) stated that he heard an officer whom he could not describe tell \$87(2)(b) he was being handcuffed for being a "smartass." \$87(2)(b) did not know whether this comment was made by the same officer who handcuffed \$87(2)(b)
No officer interviewed acknowledged calling \$87(2)(b) a "smartass" or hearing any other officer do so.
The cell phone video attached to IA # 2 does not capture any officer using profanity, including the word "smartass." The video appears to capture the point in time of the alleged profanity, although the video mostly records only audio after it is removed from \$87(2)(5) shand.
§ 87(2)(g)
§ 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g)
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	Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories
•	This is the fifth CCRB complaint to which §87(2)(b) has been a party, the third
	has been a party, and the second complaint to which
	has been a party (Board Review 21).
	○ § 87(2)(b)
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•	Sgt. DeCandido has been a member of service for 22 years, and has been a subject in
•	S 87(2)(b)

•	Sgt. Nugent has been a member of service for 15 years, and has been a subject in six allegations in four prior CCRB complaints, none of which were substantiated.
	§ 87(2)(g)
•	Det. Abdul-Jabbar has been a member of service for 12 years, and has been a subject in three allegations in two prior CCRB complaints, none of which were substantiated.
	§ 87(2)(g)
•	Det. Rosario has been a member of service for 25 years, and has been a subject in six allegations in three prior CCRB complaints. o In CCRB Case # 200901295, Det. Rosario was the subject of a substantiated frisk allegation. The Board recommended a Command Discipline. The NYPD's disposition was instructions.
	○ § 87(2)(g)
	Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories
•	declined to mediate this complaint. On May 6, 2019, a request for Notices of Claim filed in regard to this incident was
	requested from the Comptroller's Office of the City of New York. The results will be added to the case file upon receipt (Board Review 22).
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Reviewer:	Signature	Print Title & Name	Date